

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 68 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with ~~a majority~~ at least half of the at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements having only two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected.

55. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters A and B, one of the letter input elements includes only the letters E and F and one of the letter input elements includes only the letters T and U.

56. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters J and K.

57. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters V and W.

58. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having only two letters assigned to

each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected, three of the letter input elements include a letter selected from the group of letters X, Y and Z and a letter selected from the group of letters L, M and N.

59. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein two of the letter input elements include only two letters with one of the two letters being a letter selected from the group of letters G and H and the other of the two letters being a letter selected from the group of letters I and O.

60. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only two letters with one of the two letters being the letter U and the other of the two letters selected from the group of letters R, S and T.

61. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters C and K.

62. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters D and J.

63. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters P and Q.

64. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters R and Q.

65. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters E and F.

66. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters R and U.

67. (Previously Presented) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 54, wherein one of the letter input elements includes only the letters T and U.

68. (Cancelled)

69. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 68, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, O and P, Q and R, E and F, G and H, T and U, and V and W.

70. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 68, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid

combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and D, E and F, O and P, Q and R, G and H, T and U, and V and W.

71. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 68, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and D, E and F, M and N, R and S, G and H, T and U, and V and W.

72. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 68, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and X, E and F, G and H, L and Y, O and P, V and W, Q and R, S and Z, and T and U.

73. (Currently Amended) The A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 68, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and D, E and F, M and N, O and P, Q and R, T and U, and V and W.

74. (Currently Amended) The A method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 68, wherein using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and D, M and N, R and X, S and Z, T and U, and W and Y.

75. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 68, wherein using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, M and N, R and S, and T and U.

76. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 68, wherein using a computer having a display device, memory storage and

a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters C and D, L and X, R and Y, V and W, A and B, E and F, T and U, G and H, M and N and S and Z.

77. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 68, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters G and H, M and N, V and W, A and B, E and F, T and U and L and Y.

78. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 68, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to

each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters V and W, M and N, T and U and R and S.